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11 Jan 1979

Dear Admiral Turner:

Congratulations on your decision to retire from the U.S. Navy as of 31 Dec 1978.

As you are probably aware, today (11 Jan 1979) is a historic day in the history of federal military pay/pension entitlements. Today is "Double Dipper D-Day." The Civil Service Reform Act (PL 95-454) becomes effective today with an amendment that places a \$47,500 per year "dual compensation" ceiling (combined federal pay and federal pension) on all future military retirees who apply for federal jobs. Fortunately, in your case, you just got in under the wire.

Our quarrel is not with you, but rather with an inflation-fighting Congress that apparently does not yet realize that the "grandfather clause" in this so-called "Big Dipper Amendment" to the Civil Service Act allows about 180,000 retired military "double dippers" to collect dual compensation for the rest of their lifetimes. We estimate that there are now about 3,000 retired military personnel in second-career jobs on the federal payroll drawing from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year as double dippers. They, including yourself, will not be affected by this new ceiling. The cost of all this double-dipping on the federal payroll, we now estimate at around \$1 billion a year in added military pension costs. This is a fiscal outrage against the American taxpayer in view of the so-called WAR on INFLATION, a soaring \$123 billion defense budget with over \$10 billion a year in military pension outlays alone. We plan to propose to the new 96th Congress a \$20,000 a year "dual compensation" ceiling on all federal jobs and with no grandfather clause.

We understand that your salary as Director of the CIA was \$57,500 per year. However, upon retiring as a four star Admiral on 31 Dec 1978, your combined CIA pay plus military retirement pay increased your federal pay income to \$80,890 per year. This is a 41% pay increase achieved in 1 day and while in the same job. We feel that this situation, however legal, illustrates

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the abusive spending aspects of the Dual Compensation Act of 1964. At the same time, it presents itself as a violation of the President's 7% Wage-Price Guidelines--by government itself.

For these reasons, we propose that all top government officials in 1979 (including Members of Congress) in federal jobs with salaries at \$57,500 per year or higher voluntarily abstain from accepting "dual compensation" while they are in public office. Some Members of Congress are already doing just this. Their pension monies are simply returned to the U.S. Treasury each month earmarked for reduction of the national debt under PL 87-58.

We would appreciate your views on this matter. The taxpayers of America will commend your voluntary abstention from accepting dual compensation while in high public office as an act of true fiscal leadership in the war on inflation.

Taxfully,



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